

CHANGE OF VENUE IN SKINNER TRIAL IS DENIED BY COURT

**Jury Sworn in Yesterday Morning and
Taking of Testimony Will Start Mon-
day Morning.**

Within half an hour after the district court convened yesterday morning G. W. Mannington was passed by the state as the twelfth juror in the case of Fred Skinner, charged with the murder of Mona Bell two years ago at Rhyolite.

The attorneys for the defense then made a motion asking for a change of venue, stating that it was their belief that the defendant could not be given a fair and impartial trial in Nye county as public sentiment was strong against him. Further allegations were made that as the defendant had associated with lewd and dissolute persons and that such facts had been brought out during the examination of the veniemen, all of which would tend to produce bias on the part of the jury.

A copy of yesterday morning's Bonanza was introduced in evidence by the defense as it contained part of Skinner's history when he was tried several years ago on another murder charge. This copy will become a part of the records of the case.

During the afternoon the state filed an affidavit in answer to the one of the defense, setting forth the fact that the examination of the veniemen did not in any way prove that there was a wholesale discrimination against Skinner.

During the arguments on the motion, the jury was excluded from the room as was the unexamined veniemen. The arguments were concluded at about 5:30 yesterday afternoon when Judge Averill denied the motion. He also excused the veniemen in attendance until further notice. The jury was then sworn in.

The actual taking of testimony will start at 9 o'clock Monday morning when Harry O'Brien, former chief of police at Rhyolite will be called as the first witness. Mr. O'Brien placed Skinner under arrest after the killing and heard the murderer's confession, who stated that "Mona shot me, I shot Mona and then shot myself." Skinner's wounds at that time consisted of a bullet hole in the fleshy part of the left side and another in the muscles under the left arm. He stated that after quarreling with the woman, she had drawn his revolver from under the pillow and shot him in the side. He wrestled the revolver from her and killed her. Then realizing what he had done, he attempted suicide but the bullet missed a fatal spot by six inches. The wound he claimed was inflicted by the woman, according to the expert testimony of Dr. Wilkenson, was self-inflicted, and on the former trial this made Skinner's plea of self-defense fall rather flat.

MONTANA FINDS LODE PORPHYRY ON LOWEST LEVEL

**STRIKE IS MADE AT POINT
2,700 FEET NORTH OF
THE SHAFT.**

At a point 2,700 feet north of the Montana shaft, in the workings described as the north crosscut sent out from the 765-foot level, lode porphyry was encountered Thursday and as a consequence there is a joyfulness beyond expression, now existing among the Montana officials. Heretofore all of the Montana, and in fact all the ore bodies found in this camp, have been encountered in the lode porphyry formation, and this latest discovery is believed to be an announcement that ore exists in this region. The section where the porphyry was found is entirely out of the proven zone, for up until the day of the find the crosscut had been driven ahead in rhyolite.

When President Knox was informed by wire of the strike which it may be justly termed, he answered by informing the management to place two shifts at work, as heretofore but one shift has been employed.

Should ore be found, and it is almost assured that such will be the case, activity in properties long deserted will be the result. The Montana ground stretches out in this direction for nearly a mile and is surrounded by other properties on which considerable work has been done but not to any great depth.

WILL TAKE CHARGE OF COPPER PROPERTY

Robert T. Christian leaves this morning for the Nevada Copper Mining company ground east of Sodaville where he will assume charge of the company workings. This property is practically controlled by the same people as are back of the Tonopah Mining company, and considerable work has been done during the last few years. Under the new management and guidance of Bob Christian the property should soon become a big producer.

NOTICE L. O. T. M.

There will be no meeting Tuesday evening, February 22, on account of the dance. By order of Lady Commander.

ROSE D. PAGE, record keeper

Four pictures and two songs at the Butler at each performance.

BELMONT SHAFT HAS CONNECTED WITH UPRASE

**HOISTING PLANT WILL SOON BE
INSTALLED AT NEW WORK-
INGS.**

As was expected by the mine officials of the Belmont, the connection between the upraise from the 1000-foot level and the Belmont shaft was made yesterday afternoon when the round of shots put in by the day shift broke through the interposing wall. For the past several days the concussion of the shots has announced that the two workings were approaching a proximity. The connection was made at a point 100 feet above the 1000-foot level. The upraise has been sent up in a three compartment affair and from the point where the two workings met, to the surface, the operations will now be confined to enlarging this to three compartments.

While this work is under way a powerful hoisting equipment and compressor will be ordered for this shaft and a new and much larger head frame erected, as this will become the main working shaft of the mine on account of its close proximity to the proven ore bodies, thereby causing new ore bins to be erected. This will also necessitate the extending of the spur of track back of Mount Oddie up to the Belmont workings, a distance of 3,500 feet. This can easily be done as the grade is not too great and but little grading will be necessary.

The work of selecting the point on the 1000-foot level where the upraise was started, was conducted by Mine Engineer Roy King, who has charge of all the mine surveys. While this is not considered such a great feat in surveying circles, it is of such importance that a slight variation would have resulted in a large amount of false work being done.

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ANOTHER OPERATION WAS NECESSARY

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The February "Bulletin" of the American Mining congress announces the appointment of two Nevada men to important positions on the staff of officers. George Wingfield is named as one of the directors, and Hugh H. Brown is named as one of the seven members of the advisory board and is the vice-president for the state of Nevada.

E. H. Benjamin, who is well known locally, as head of Joshua Hendy Iron Works company, is named as vice president for California.

There is an auxiliary organization or branch in each state. Mr. Brown is president of the Nevada branch.

The Mining Congress is maintaining headquarters in Washington, D. C. during the present congressional session and is endeavoring to have the bureau of mines bill enacted into law.

BIG SMELTER MAY BE ERECTED AT SODAVILLE

**BOB STEWART GIVES OPTION
ON HIS PROPERTY TO
BOSTONIANS.**

Bob Stewart, who is up from Sodaville, leaves this morning for that famous resort. Mr. Stewart recently gave an option on his Sodaville property, consisting of about 500 acres of patented land and all water rights to a Boston concern and it is probable that a complete mill and smelting plant will be erected in the near future. The plant will treat the ores from the surrounding mines and also from the Northern Belle property at Candalaria.

The Northern Belle, which is owned by a Boston concern, produced something like \$16,000,000 in the old days and negotiations are now under way toward the reopening of this mine. An immense tonnage of low grade ore was developed in the old days, and with a smelter in operation at Sodaville, this ore can be treated at a huge profit.

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